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The Honorable Mike Goschka, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on FIA
Michigan State Senate
State Capitol
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Senator Goschka:

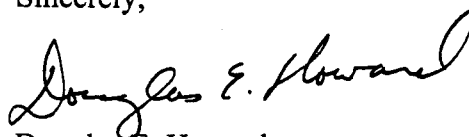
Section 524 of P.A. 82 of 2001 requires FIA to submit to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on FIA, the senate and house standing committees, senate and house fiscal agencies and senate and house policy offices a quarterly report detailing the status of the Prevention Services Program.

The last report was submitted January 29, 2002. Since that date, an additional 275 FIS and FIMs have attended the 10-day programmatic training, bringing the total number of staff trained to 950.

It has been our intent that the transition of Prevention services activities from Prevention workers to FIS occur gradually over the 14-month period from October 2001 through December 2002. Prevention workers were given the opportunity of moving into Foster Care or other Children's Services positions effective October 1, 2001, and Prevention work is now being done by FIS. Given the impact of early retirement, it now appears that we will not be able to complete the training of all FIS until some time in FY2003.

Local FIA offices have submitted transition plans to the FIA Zone offices, where they have been reviewed by Zone managers, to ensure that each local office is on schedule.

Sincerely,



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